Watershed programme in J&K

1508. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a survey of places and areas in Jammu & Kashmir where watershed programmes can be undertaken; and

(b) whether Government would sanction some projects of this nature in the year 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) For implementation of Watershed Development Programmes under the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP), districts and blocks have already been identified in 1994 by a Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. C.H. Hanumantha Rao, ex-Member Planning Commission. Watershed projects under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) are generally undertaken in areas not covered under DDP and DPAP.

(b) During 2002-03, a total of 143 watershed projects each of about 500 ha. size have been sanctioned to J&K under DPAP and DDP. Under IWDP five districts namely Kupwara, Jammu, Srinagar, Udhampur, and Budgaon have been prioritized for sanction of IWDP watershed projects during 2002-03.

Watershed development schemes

1509. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister
of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the watershed development schemes and programmes;

(b) the nodal agency to materialize the watershed development programmes;

(c) the funds allocated to the watershed programmes;

(d) the names of the States like to be included under the project; and

(e) the status of the project as on 31 st December, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The Department of Land resources is implementing three main Programmes, namely the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP) for treating wastelands and degraded lands in accordance with the Guidelines for Watershed Development with effect from 1.4.1995. So far, 436 projects covering an area of 38.03 lakh ha. under IWDP, 16,268 projects covering an area of 81.34 lakh ha. under DPAP and 8,314 projects covering an area of 41.57 lakh ha. under DDP have been sanctioned under these programmes. The duration of each project is five years and the funds are released in seven instalments in favour of ZPs/DRDAs. In a watershed project, the first instalment is released at the time of sanction and each subsequent instalment is released after utilisation of more than 50% of funds of the previous instalment. Action Plan for each watershed development project under these Programmes is prepared by the Village Level Watershed Association/ Watershed Committee consisting of all the stake holders under the guidance of a technical team of the Project Implementation Agency. The Action Plan is approved at Zilla Panchayat/DRDA level.

(b) The nodal agencies to operationalize the watershed development projects under these three Programmes at the district level are Zilla Panchayats (ZPs)/District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs). At the State level the nodal agency is the Department dealing with Wasteland Development Programmes.

(c) During the current financial year 2002-03, an amount of Rs. 450.00 crore has been earmarked for IWDP, Rs. 250.00 crores for DPAP and Rs. 185.00 crores for DDP for implementation of the watershed development projects in the country.

(d) 27 States have been sanctioned IWDP projects. Under DPAP and DDP projects are sanctioned in identified blocks in 16 and 7 States, respectively. The names of the States covered under IWDP, DPAP and DDP are given in the statement enclosed. *{See* below)

(e) 415 projects under IWDP, 12,615 under DPAP and 6,670 under DDP are at various stages of implementation.

Statement

The names of the States covered under IWDP, DPAP and DDP

SI.No.	Programme	Name of the States
1.	IWDP	Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu.Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal.
2.	DPAP	Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal.
3.	DDP	Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka and Rajasthan

Release of foodgrains under SGRY to Himachal Pradesh

1510. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quality of wheat etc. sought and released so far to Himachal Pradesh under Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) after start of relief operations during the current years;

(b) the reasons for delay in release of wheat even after clearance by the task force formed for the purpose; and

(c) details of steps taken by Government to lessen the time taken in completion of official formalities for release of foodgrains under the SGRY?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Under the Special